

Helpful Discussion Topics

1. Discuss the importance of water in our daily lives and ask students to make a list of things we use water for.
2. Discuss the water cycle and the concepts of precipitation, run-off, evaporation and condensation.
3. Discuss your local catchment area:
 - What is your local catchment area called?
 - How large is it?
 - What rivers and streams feed into it?
 Your local Catchment Management Board (CMB) will be able to assist you with this information
4. Discuss your local water storages. Get students to locate (and name) their local water storages on a map. Organise a visit to a dam or water treatment plant in your local area.
5. Discuss why many towns and cities were established near a river or stream. Ask students to research and write a short essay on the Tank Stream, the Murray River or another major local waterway. A natural harbour may have been important to the establishment of your town. Discuss why.
6. Some towns in the drier parts of Australia were not established near a river. Discuss how these towns get their water supply.

